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## COMING EVENTS AT LOBRANO HOUSE

The May luncheon meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at noon at the Kate Lobrano House. Plans for the luncheon speaker were being finalized as the *Historian* went to press. Reservations may be made by calling 467-4090. Please call by noon on Wednesday, May 14, to assure your reservation and to help us plan seating which is limited to forty-five people. The price of the lunch is \$7.00.

## CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS

The Historical Society is working diligently to complete our records of all of the cemeteries in Hancock County so this directory may be uploaded onto our web site. Our purpose is to list the following information (or as much as we can find) for each person buried in the county cemeteries: name of the deceased, name and location of the cemetery in which the person is buried, and row number and plot number of the grave. We need volunteers who are willing to visit each of these cemeteries and verify the information we have at the Society or col-



## THE SCAFIDI COLLECTION

By  
Charles H. Gray  
Executive Director

The Historical Society has been invited to participate in "Second Saturday" on May 10, 2008, where we will present several hundred new photo-

graphs from several thousand remaining in the Anthony J. Scafidi Collection.

In 2004 we displayed fifteen hundred pictures at the Depot and viewers were able to identify all except three people—a man, thought to be named Mc-something, his wife and child. Now that we have resumed our normal routine following the Katrina clean-up, we will be able to complete earlier projects that were rudely interrupted by the

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## LOBRANO HOUSE HOURS

MONDAY — FRIDAY  
10:00AM — 3:00PM  
Closed: 12:00—1:00 (lunch)

## MISSION STATEMENT

“TO PRESERVE THE GENERAL AND ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY OF HANCOCK COUNTY AND TO PRESERVE THE KATE LOBRANO HOUSE AND COLLECTIONS THEREIN; TO RESEARCH AND INTERPRET LIFE IN HANCOCK COUNTY; AND TO ENCOURAGE AN APPRECIATION OF AND INTEREST IN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION.”

storm.

I had learned of the existence of these negatives twenty years ago and had reached numerous dead-ends in my search for them when suddenly one day Pat Murphy appeared dragging a Sampsonite suitcase filled with these priceless negatives.

Volunteers have worked many hours cleaning the negatives, scanning them, and then printing them. They have been organized into categories such as portraits, children, groups, schools, outdoor scenes, and businesses.

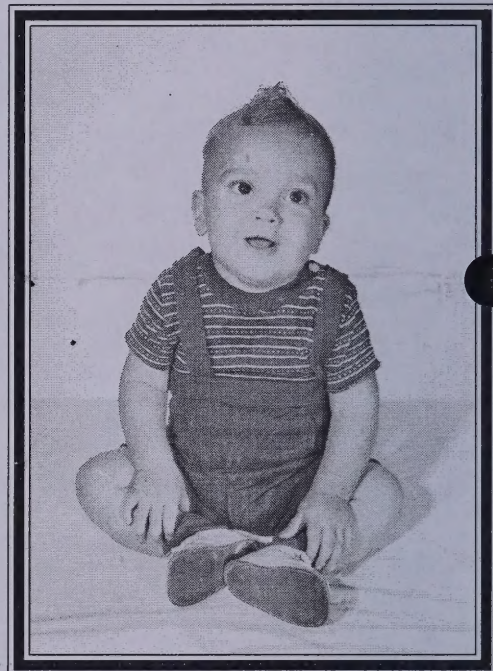
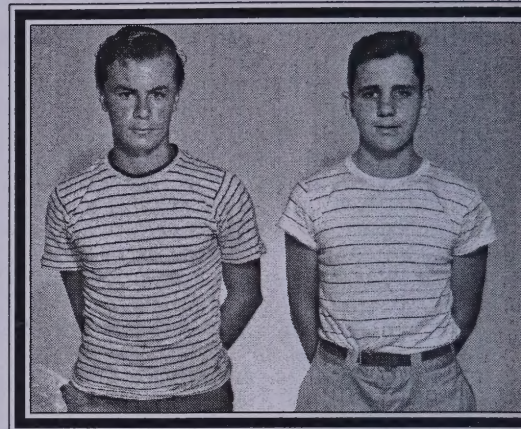
Please visit our booth on "Second Saturday" at 212 Main Street and identify yourself before your friends do. You may also view the entire collection at the Historical Society office at 108 Cue Street weekdays 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. or 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

## ANTHONY J. "TONY" SCAFIDI

Tony Scafidi worked as a full time Standard Oil agent for all of Hancock County most of his life; photography was his hobby, and he enjoyed taking pictures of friends and family. Before long he was taking professional pictures of weddings, school and community activities, and individual portraits.

A graduate of Bay High School, Tony was a native of Bay St. Louis. After their marriage he and his wife, the former Sylvia Bramlet of Alabama,

made Bay Saint Louis their home.







Can you help us identify any of the people in these pictures? If so, please call the Society office at 467-4090 or stop by the Lo-brano House.







### BOOKS FOR SALE AT LOBRANO HOUSE

*Bay Saint Louis: Celebrating the First 300 Years*  
By the HCHS (\$15.00)

A nostalgic keepsake of the city's history including descriptions and pictures of many of the historic buildings and houses especially those along Beach Boulevard prior to Katrina

*Heritage Cookbook*

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*Holly*

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An intriguing anthology of tales of a tomcat living in a beach house on the Gulf Coast

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A collection of recipes by Bayou Tours

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By Marco Giardino, Ph.D., and Russell Guerin (\$10.95)

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lect the information if Charles and Marianne have not been able to visit them in person. As you can see, this is a mammoth, but very significant, project. Please call the Society office at 228-467-4090, or stop by the Loblano House, to volunteer an afternoon to help with this important task.



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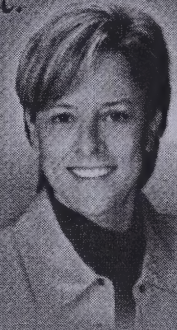
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Tuesday, May 13: Angela Nickerson, au-  
thor of *A Journey to Michelangelo's Rome*,  
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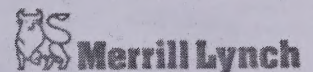
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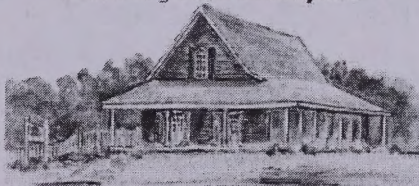
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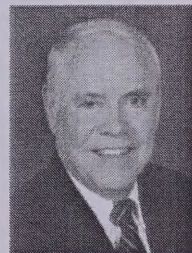
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